

1           9. (Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen  
2       in a sampl of whole blood, comprising the steps of:  
3           providing a sample of the whole blood;  
4           adding a hemolysis reagent and a latex reagent directly to the sample of  
5       the whole blood [without any pre-treatment of the whole blood];  
6           hemolysing the whole blood sample with the hemolysis reagent to  
7       hemolyse the blood corpuscles;  
8           reacting the hemolysed whole blood sample in an agglutination reaction to  
9       form a reaction mixture wherein a predetermined antigen in the hemolysed whole blood  
10      sample specifically reacts with an antibody immobilized onto an insoluble carrier to  
11      provide a reaction product;  
12           irradiating the reaction [products] product in the sample with radiation  
13      which [include] includes a wavelength range which is substantially free from absorption  
14      by both hemoglobin and the hemolysis reagent; and  
15           measuring only in [a] the wavelength range which is substantially free  
16      from absorption by both hemoglobin and the hemolysis reagent, an absorbance of the  
17      incident radiation [through] by the reaction [mixture] product to determine the quantity of  
18      antigens in the sample.

In Claim 11, Line 1, delete "10" and insert --9--.